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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In repatent application of:

Applicant(s): David S. Wehrle, et al.

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POINTBUS ARCHITECTURE AND AUTOMATIC SEQUENTIAL

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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application has an unintentional omission for a claim of priority to a previously filed provisional application under 35 U.S.C. §119(e). Applicant, through its undersigned representative, hereby requests that a priority reference to a provisional application be added to the subject application as outlined below.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph as the first paragraph appearing after the Title of the subject application.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/194,717, filed April 5, 2000 and entitled POINTBUS ARCHITECTURE AND AUTOMATIC SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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Remarks

It is respectfully requested that the subject application be amended as shown on Page 2 of this petition to include a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/194,717, filed April 5, 2000 and entitled POINTBUS ARCHITECTURE AND AUTOMATIC SEQUENTIAL ADDRESSING.

Applicant respectfully submits that the entire delay between the date in which the priority claim was due under 37 CFR §1.78 paragraph (a)(5)(ii) and the date the priority claim was filed was unintentional.

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